

serving as the Garrison CSM for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

For his outstanding service, CSM Graham has been awarded numerous prestigious awards, including the Bronze Star, Defense Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and many other federal and state awards.

CSM Graham perfectly embodies the official organizational march of the United States National Guard "Always Ready, Always There!" He is a true American patriot and I am honored to call him my friend and fellow Guardsman. Our military servicemembers deserve to be recognized for their commitment to our great Nation and I am grateful for his unwavering dedication to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE APPLICATION MINISTRIES

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Life Application Ministries, which is celebrating 25 years of service to the community of Warren, Michigan.

Life Application Ministries is a historic African American congregation, inspired by enthusiasm to give back and share the love of God, and preserve morale and justice throughout the community. Life Application Ministries grew out of a bible study group that quickly garnered members throughout the 1990s.

In 1996, Bishop Adolphus L. Cast founded the ministry in a time where African American congregations were not as prevalent in the area. In moments of racial injustice, the church gracefully responded with endless love and compassion to the community. Bishop Cast's mission has been to bring racial and economic harmony to the city of Warren and his leadership has led to significant momentum in that effort over the last two and a half decades.

Throughout its history, the ministry has honorably served the Warren community with various community programs including annual food drives and blood drives, providing financial assistance to residents and businesses, assisting people in need of help with home repair and cleanup projects, as well as participating in larger city cleanup efforts. The church also offers shelter to residents in need through partnership with the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team.

One cannot recognize Life Application Ministries without acknowledging the remarkable leaders whose everyday commitment and dedication positively impact their members, our community, and beyond. I am proud to have the honor of recognizing Life Application Ministries today and to mark this quadricentennial event for the congregation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire Life Application Ministries community as they celebrate twenty-five years of ministry and service in Warren, Michigan.

HONORING RUSSELL COLOMBO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Russell (Russ) Colombo as he retires from a distinguished career in financial services spanning more than four decades and culminating in his role as President and Chief Operating Officer of Bank of Marin.

Russ grew up in Marin County, CA where he graduated from San Rafael High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management from the University of California, Davis and his Master of Business Administration in Banking and Finance from Golden Gate University. After twenty-nine years in banking at Comerica Bank, Security Pacific, and Union Bank in San Francisco, Russ joined Bank of Marin as Executive Vice President and Branch Administrator in 2004. After only a year at the company, he was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As President and CEO since 2006, Russ led Bank of Marin's growth into a prominent business and valued community bank in Northern California.

During his 15 years at the helm, Russ has become the face of the Bank of Marin. Under his leadership, the Bank championed honorable values of high-quality service, community engagement, and employee wellbeing. Through his local relationship-building efforts and strategic planning, including four acquisitions, Russ oversaw the growth of Bank of Marin's assets by more than \$4 billion. Throughout this period of expansion, he continued to prioritize reinvesting in the local community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Russ jumped in to meet the needs of the community, facilitating the lending of critical federal relief loans and protecting economic vitality in the region.

In a personal capacity, Russ continues to serve as Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee of Sonoma-Marina Area Rapid Transit (SMART). He is also a member and former board chair of the Board of the Western Bankers Association, and a former Audit Committee Member of Hanna Boys Center.

Through seasons of prosperity and difficult times, Russ never wavered from improving Bank of Marin's performance and its core mission of serving the local community. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Russ Colombo for his many years of effective professional and community service to Marin County and extending to him best wishes on his next endeavors.

SUPPORTING THE NUTRITION INITIATIVE TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES BY THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS AND THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, in late September, leaders of the Na-

tional Baptist Convention USA and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (or the Academy) announced a strategic partnership aimed at reducing health disparities for African Americans.

African Americans suffer disproportionately from COVID-19 deaths and other nutrition-related health disparities. Increasing access to healthy foods and addressing nutrition as a social determinant of health that prevents diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and obesity are the cornerstones of this partnership.

The joint initiative will consist of developing print and media resources that can be used in faith-based health ministries on issues such as diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, eating on a budget, and living with kidney disease. The National Baptist Convention USA will encourage member churches to incorporate these resources into new and existing programs and services, including workshops and seminars focused on biblical connections to food and nutrition.

I want to commend and thank Patricia Babjak, Chief Executive Officer of the Academy, Evelyn Crayton, a past president of the Academy and the current Chair of the National Baptist Convention Task Force on the joint nutrition partnership that is comprised of members from the National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition, as well as religious interest groups for their commitment and leadership to addressing health disparities. The Academy has worked closely on this significant initiative with National Baptist Convention USA President Rev. Dr. Jerry Young and Vice President Rev. Dr. William H. Foster, Jr.

This partnership recognizes the importance of enhancing the lives of African Americans and every racial and ethnic group by improving nutrition security. In my Congressional District, there are too many food deserts and places where it's easier to get access to guns than fruits and vegetables.

I urge us all to get behind this initiative, and I applaud the Academy and the National Baptist Convention USA for their lifesaving work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 I was unable to attend votes and missed Roll Call votes No. 374, No. 375, and No. 376. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call vote No. 374, AYE on Roll Call vote No. 375 and AYE on Roll Call vote No. 376.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL W. MACKAY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Master Sergeant Michael W. MacKay who will be retiring today from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of distinguished service. Mike was